

Proposed by:	Assembly
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MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 15-08R

A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA SUPPORTING THE REINSTATEMENT OF A FULL \$60 MILLION INTO THE REVENUE SHARING FUND ON A YEARLY BASIS WITH A ONE-YEAR APPROPRIATION OF \$8 MILLION TO THE FUND WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE PRIOR TO JUNE 30, 2015.

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Skagway is appreciative to the Governor and the Legislature for the continuation of the Revenue Sharing program; and

WHEREAS, since 2008, municipalities in Alaska have received a total of \$60 million per year to be divided among all boroughs, cities and unorganized communities in the State; and

WHEREAS, this money is a small share of the resource funding that is provided to the State; and

WHEREAS, \$60 million is also a small part of the total statewide budget for the year; and

WHEREAS, municipalities are political subdivisions of the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, boroughs and cities can only raise their own money through increased taxes and/or fees; and

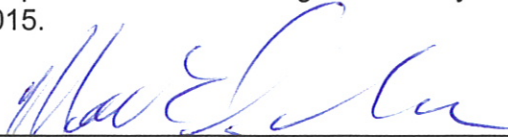
WHEREAS, in the past 2014 Legislative session, the amount deposited into the Revenue Sharing fund dropped to \$52 million; and

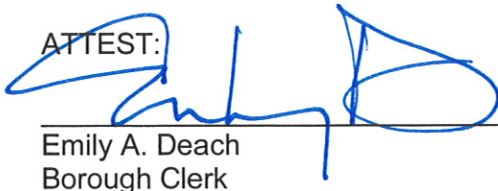
WHEREAS, the larger municipalities use these funds to keep taxes as low as possible; and

WHEREAS, the smaller municipalities use these funds to provide basic services, such as snow removal, public building maintenance, harbor upkeep, fuel and insurance;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Skagway Borough Assembly requests the Alaska State Legislature to reinstate the amount of \$60 million on an annual basis into the Revenue Sharing Fund and also that the Alaska State Legislature appropriate an additional \$8 million to the fund with an effective date prior to June 30, 2015.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway this 19th day of February, 2015.


Mark Schaefer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Emily A. Deach
Borough Clerk

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